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Examiner: M. A. Musleh

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir/Madam:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejections discussed below.

The Examiner has maintained from the previous Office Action the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 1-6 as anticipated by JP 2000-285782 (Kazunari et al.).

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

As noted in Applicant's previous response, Kazunari et al. discloses an electromagnetic relay. A movable contact piece 21 and a fixed contact piece 25 are press fitted into the press fitting grooves of an electromagnetic block 10 from the side to form a contact mechanism part, and a regulating spring 30 is pressed thereto from the side and vertically arranged in an insulating space 14. A card 40 is slidably fitted to the upper ends of first, second and third insulating walls of the electromagnetic block 10. A